

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 702

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Pete Claussen to the Heritage Conservation Trust Fund Board.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-7-104(a), provides for the creation of the Heritage Conservation Trust Fund Board; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-7-104(b), provides that the Governor shall appoint eleven members to the board; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed Pete Claussen as a member of the Heritage Conservation Trust Fund Board representing East Tennessee to a term that commenced November 1, 2017, and expires October 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Claussen is the chairman of Gulf & Ohio Railways, a company he founded in 1985. He further serves as the president of Knoxville Locomotive Works, Inc., a green locomotive manufacturing company based in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Claussen is the founder of the Seven Islands Foundation, which recently donated land to help create Tennessee's fifty-sixth state park, Seven Islands State Birding Park; and

WHEREAS, he has also served as a member of the Smithsonian National Board, co-chairman of the Alumni Board, and chairman of the Smithsonian National Museum of American History; and

WHEREAS, currently, Mr. Claussen serves on the boards of the Legacy Parks Foundation, the Tennessee Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, and the Knoxville Zoo; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Claussen is a person of integrity and an active citizen whose benevolence, acumen, and strong commitment to public service have helped to enhance the well-being of this State and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-7-104(b)(2), provides that each member appointed by the Governor to the Heritage Conservation Trust Fund Board shall be subject to confirmation by each house of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Pete Claussen to the Heritage Conservation Trust Fund Board for a term to expire on October 31, 2021.